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SUBJ: YAMANI'S TALK WITH DANISH FOREIGN MINISTER

REF: COPENHAGEN 2926, 2948

SUMMARY. SAUDI OIL MINISTER YAMANI TOOK HARD LINE IN
CONVERSATION WITH FOREIGN MINISTER ANDERSEN, THREATENING
FURTHER CUTBACKS IN OIL PRODUCTION UNLESS ISRAEL WITH-
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DREW TO PRE-1967 BOUNDARIES. DANE CALLED ATTENTION TO

RISKS FOR ARABS IN ALIENATING PUBLIC OPINION AND STRESSED DESIRE TO WORK WITHIN EC FRAMEWORK IN SEEKING SOLUTION TO MID EAST PROBLEM. END SUMMARY.

1. MFA OFFICIAL WHO ATTENDED TALKS BETWEEN YAMANI AND ANDERSEN GAVE EMBOFF DETAILED RESUME OF THEIR CONVERSATION. SUBSTANCE OF YAMANI'S COMMENTS IN PRIVATE EVIDENTLY VARIED LITTLE FROM HIS PUBLIC REMARKS REPORTED COPENHAGEN 2948, BUT SOME POINTS WERE MORE EXPLICITLY MADE. SHEIK YAMANI, INCIDENTALLY, WAS IN COPENHAGEN TO VISIT HIS DANISH PHYSICIAN, WHOM HE HAS BEEN CONSULTING REGULARLY FOR NINE YEARS.

2. YAMANI BEGAN WITH A LENGTHY RAISON D'ETRE FOR SAUDI OIL EMBARGO, ALLEGING THAT OIL PRODUCING COUNTRIES HAD FOR MANY YEARS BEEN PRODUCING MORE OIL THAN REQUIRED FOR THEIR OWN ECONOMIC NEEDS. IN LIGHT OF WORLD'S FAILURE TO GET ISRAEL TO WITHDRAW TO THE BORDERS OF JUNE 5, 1967, IT WAS NOT FAIR TO ASK THE ARABS TO MAKE SUCH A SACRIFICE TO THE DETRIMENT OF FUTURE GENERATIONS OF ARABS. UNLESS THERE IS A COMPLETE ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM TERRITORY ACQUIRED IN SIX-DAY WAR, ARABS WILL STEP BY STEP REDUCE THEIR OIL PRODUCTION TO THE LEVEL OF THEIR OWN ECONOMIC NEEDS. THIS LEVEL WILL, OF COURSE, VARY FROM ONE COUNTRY TO ANOTHER. IF ISRAELIS BEGIN STAGED WITHDRAWAL FROM OCCUPIED TERRITORIES, ARAB OIL PRODUCERS WILL INCREASE PRODUCTION CORRESPONDINGLY, STEP BY STEP.

3. YAMANI SAID ARABS SEPARATE NON-ARAB STATES INTO THREE CATEGORIES: A) FRIENDLY, SUCH AS FRANCE, UK AND SPAIN. THESE COUNTRIES HAVE EITHER POSITIVELY ASSISTED ARABS OR TAKEN ACTIVE STEPS AGAINST ISRAEL. B) NEUTRALS, WHICH HAVE NOT HURT ARABS NOR HELPED ISRAELIS. C) UN-FRIENDLY, SUCH AS HOLLAND AND THE US, WHO HAVE EITHER HURT ARAB INTERESTS OR ASSISTED ISRAEL.

4. ANDERSEN STATED THAT DENMARK, AS MEMBER OF EC NINE, WANTED TO MAKE SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTION TO SOLUTION OF MID EAST PROBLEM. NOVEMBER 6 EC DECLARATION WAS FOUNDATION OF DANISH MIDDLE EAST POLICY AND IT ENJOYED SUPPORT NOT CONFIDENTIAL

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ONLY OF GOVERNMENT BUT OF ALL PARTIES IN PARLIAMENT. HE ADDED THAT THIS DID NOT REPRESENT NEW POLICY. DANES HAD ALWAYS BELIEVED, AND HAD NOT CONCEALED FROM THEIR ISRAELI FRIENDS, THAT IT WOULD BE UNWISE TO LET THE DEADLOCK CONTINUE AND IT WAS IN ISRAELI INTEREST TO HAVE A LASTING SETTLEMENT.

5. FOREIGN MINSTER CONTINUED THAT THERE WAS SLOWLY

GROWING UNDERSTANDING IN DENMARK FOR ARAB POINT OF VIEW AND, SO FAR, RECENT STEPS BY ARABS HAD NOT AFFECTED THAT TREND. HE HOPED THAT THIS WOULD CONTINUE TO BE THE CASE. ANDERSEN NOTED THAT DENMARK BELIEVED IT COULD MAKE ITS BEST CONTRIBUTION TOWARD A MID EAST SOLUTION WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF POLITICAL CONSULTATIONS AMONG EC NINE, AND SAID HE BELIVED THIS WAS APPRECIATED IN ARAB COUNTRIES. JUST AS WE HAVE UNDERSTANDING AND SYMPATHY FOR ARAB UNITY, HE ADDED, WE HOPE FOR SIMILAR UNDERSTANDING AND SYMPATHY IN STRIVING FOR EUROPEANUNITY. ALTHOUGH HE COULD NOT PRESUME TO SPEAK FOR DUTCH FOREIGN MINISTER, WHO COULD ARGUE HIS OWN CASE MUCH BETTER, HE CALLED ATTENTION TO DANISH SAYING THAT IF YOU TAKE STEPS AGAINST A SINGLE MEMBER OF A FAMILY YOU RISK HAVING THEM CONSIDERED AS DIRECTED AGAINST THE WHOLE FAMILY.

6. ACCORDING TO MFA SOURCE, YAMANI BEGAN TO THAW OUT AFTER THIS EXCHANGE OF VIEWS AND SAID HE FOUND ANDERSEN'S CLARIFICATION OF DANISH POSITION SO POSITIVE HE WOULD REPORT IT IMMEDIATELY TO COUNCIL OF MINISTERS. HE STRESSED THAT ARAB ATTITUDE TOWARD EUROPEAN UNITY WAS VERY POSITIVE AND COULD ONLY LEAD TO FRUITFUL EUROPEAN-ARAB COOPERATION. HE REITERATED, HOWEVER, THAT EUROPE WAS DEPENDENT ON ARAB OIL RESERVES AND PRODUCTION COULD BE CUT MUCH FURTHER, THUS PARALYZING FUNCTIONS OF ALL INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES.

7. YAMANI ALSO TOUCHED ON PORTION OF SECRETARY KISSINGER'S RECENT CONVERSATION WITH KING FEISAL CONCERNING POSSIBLE US COUNTERMEASURES. HE SAID THAT US COULD POSSIBLY TAKE SUCH MEASURES BUT THAT IT WOULD DO MORE DAMAGE TO US THAN TO ARABS. ARABS WOULD REACT VERY HARD, PROBABLY LEADING TO A 50 PERCENT CUT IN PRESENT PRODUCTION OF OIL, CONFIDENTIAL

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THUS AFFECTING ENTIRE WORLD COMMUNITY. HE TOOK IT FOR GRANTED EC AND JAPAN HAD NO SUCH INTENTIONS. YAMANI CLOSED BY EXPRESSING HOPE FOR SPEEDY RESOLUTION OF MIDDLE EAST PROBLEM BUT SAID THERE WAS NO DOUBT THAT OIL PRODUCING STATES WOULD CONTINUE THEIR EMBARGO
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